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In re the Application of
Satoru MIYASHITA et al.

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ORGANIC EL ELEMENT, ORGANIC EL
ELEMENT, AND ORGANIC EL DISPLAY DEVICE

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Sir:

The April 25, 2001 Final Rejection of the parent application rejected claims 7, 8, 19, 20 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,895,692 to Shirasaki et al. (hereinafter "Shirasaki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,013,982 to Thompson et al. (hereinafter "Thompson").

However, as previously discussed, Thompson does not constitute prior art. For example, the Japanese patent application from which this application claims priority was filed on November 25, 1996, which predates the effective prior art date of Thompson.

For the Examiner's convenience, a verified English language translation of this priority document is attached.

For at least the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Verified English language translation of
Japanese Priority Document

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